

8225.2
31
88. 51.

T H E
C A S E
O F

Charles Atkinson, John Johnson, John Simpson, and great Numbers of the Trading Hoast-men, commonly called Fitters, of the Town and County of New-Castle upon Tyne.

THAT there is, and for several Years hath been, a Voluntary Contribution made by the Skippers and Keel-men, Imployed by them, and other Hoast-men and Fitters in *New-Castle* aforesaid, about the Delivering, Loading of Coals Aboard of the Ships in the River *Tyne*, out of their Wages, for certain Charitable Uses; which was begun and continued in a great measure by the Encouragement given by the Hoast-men, and others concerned in the Coal-Trade at *New-Castle*, to the good Inclinations of their Servants the said Skippers and Keel-men to so Pious a Work.

THAT there being, now depending, in this Honourable House, a Bill for *the settling and better Regulating the said Charitable Contribution* under the Title of a Bill, *For Erecting a Corporation for the speedy Finishing the Hospital, and Establishing, Perpetuating, and Management of the Charity of the Skippers and Keel-men of the Town and County of New-Castle upon Tyne*, there are some Clauses in the said Bill, which the said Hoast-men humbly conceive, will Subject them and other Hoast-men and Fitters (if the said Bill be Passed into a Law) to the Payment of the said Contribution, in some Cases, out of their own proper Monies, and to the Penalties for the Non-payment thereof; and of other the Sums to be Paid by them, in Pursuance of the said Bill.

THAT altho' they have, from time to time, Paid and Applied the Money received or retained by them out of the Wages of the said Skippers and Keel-men, for making the said Contribution with the Privy, and by the Direction of the Governing Part of the said Skippers and Keel-men, from the beginning of the said Contribution, which was about Twelve Years since; Yet now, by this Bill, the said Hoast-men are to be liable to an Examination and Account, not only for the Sums they shall receive or retain, but also for the Sums they have received or retained, out of, and from the Wages, of the Skippers and Keel-men, for the purpose aforesaid, and to be Examined upon Oath concerning the same.

WHEREFORE, and for as much as it will be a great Inconvenience and Hindrance to the said Hoast-men in their Trade and Business, and seems to be Unreasonable, That they should in any Case be in Danger of being Obligated to Answer the said Contribution out of their proper Money, and should be subject to Account, and to an Examination upon Oath concerning the said Contribution, as well for so long time past as for the time to come; and also to be subject to Penalties in such Cases as are mentioned in the said Bill, and which are to be Levied in such Summary Way as is appointed by the Bill, all which is out of the Common Method Ordinarily Used, in Cases relating to Wages, Owing by Masters to Servants, and will be a Considerable Disadvantage and Prejudice to them in the Management of their Trades.

THE said Hoast-men humbly pray, That they may be heard by their Council at the Bar of this House, against the said Clauses contained in the said Bill, before the same do Pass into a Law.

THE
C A S E

OF

*Charles Atkinson, John Johnson, John Simpson, and great Numb-
bers of the Trading Host-men
commonly called Fitters, of the
Town and County of New-Castle
upon Tyne.*



48
10 11
487